

CECO: moving towards community control

CAPITOL East's newly formed coalition of local civic groups, churches, agencies and clubs--the Capitol East Community Organization--took several steps last month to increase community control here whether the city wants to grant it or not.

At the first meeting of CECO delegates held since CECO was formally established in November as the common voice for some 100 local organizations, resolutions were easily passed that call for community school and library board elections and the creation of a Capitol East planning committee.

The import of these actions is this: CECO does not plan to sit around waiting for the school system to be officially decentralized or for planning functions to be doled out in bits and pieces to neighborhood groups. CECO intends instead to create local structures that the District Building will have to deal with--a force in being that, though lacking official powers, will have enough of a community mandate behind them to make them difficult to ignore.

One person close to CECO calls it "the assumption of community control." The concept is an extension of the idea behind CECO itself. Capitol East has long been known for its plethora of weak civic organizations which city officials, from the Commissioner on down, have successfully played off against one another. Ironically, in this ward which has a decidedly liberal political cast--as evidenced by the vote in recent School Board elections--the most cohesive organizations have been the most conservative ones. By default, they have gained an inordinate amount of power. Organizations ranging from liberal to radical have been weak and fragmented.

The creation of CECO has already begun to change the situation markedly.

Significantly, Commissioner Walter Washington visited CECO headquarters last month, just a few weeks after the highly successful CECO Assembly to which Washington had been invited but which he had failed to attend. His visit to CECO's offices was a belated recognition that something was going on in Capitol East that he had better find out about.

The nearly 100 persons attending the Dec. 15 CECO delegates meeting unanimously approved the school board resolution. The short resolution, which is expected to lead to a popularly elected Ward Six school board within a year, was proposed

by Ike Fullwood as a substitute for a much longer and more complex resolution on schools that had been previously presented. The long resolution dealt with numerous specific school problems and it was suggested that it was more practical to concentrate on the establishment of a committee to set up procedures for the election of a community board.

The CECO delegates also passed a resolution that called for an elected community library board "which would have responsibility for preparation and presentation of the budget for Capitol East public libraries, employee selection and grievances, and local library policy." The resolution went on to say that until such a board is established a local advisory group should be formed "to insure that the best interests of Capitol East is served by the present board."

The delegates also backed the creation of a planning committee that would oversee the planning problems of Capitol East. There have already been moves to take the initiative in local planning away from official bodies. The Capitol East Housing Council has been instrumental in formulating procedures under which the community would tell the city and the National Capital Planning Commission what it wants rather than wait for events to put the community on the defensive. A report by local planner Ahmed Elnaggar, which formed the basis of a resolution on housing passed at the November Assembly, was further detailed in a slide talk by Elnaggar at the December meeting. Elnaggar has been working as a consultant to the housing council in its planning work. There is a feeling among a number of persons involved in the planning problems here that such professional assistance is important in helping the community hold its own against the official planners of the District.

Among the other actions taken by the delegates: -- A resolution was passed calling for representatives of CECO to visit local black congregations to secure pledges for black economic development. This resolution replaced a stronger one originally proposed that would have demanded 50 cents a month from each black churchman in the area to be used for black economic development. The purpose of the resolution is to prod local black churches into greater involvement with the community.

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Russel Adams, Back Alley Theatre board member (left) and technical director Wayne Durham put up the new sign for the Back Alley as the community theatre begins the rebuilding of the Carolina Theatre at 11th & N. C. Ave. SE. Photo by Donald R. Valentine.

New life for old theater

BY ANDREA MAYHEW
Back Alley Theatre

IF the Back Alley Theatre can pull it off, the deserted old "Carolina Theatre" at 11th and North Carolina Ave. SE will get a new lease on life as Capitol East's community performing arts center. The rambling corner property began as a movie

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Union Station land grab under attack

BY SAM SMITH

REV. Douglas Moore of the Reconstruction and Development Corporation (and the Black United Front) has told the government to give the Capitol East community a half-million dollars to conduct its own planning study of the Union Station project or "nothing is going to move."

The warning was delivered at a meeting held in a dingy hall at Washington's railroad terminal on Jan. 5, called by the National Capitol Planning Commission to sell the Union Station project to the community. Moore was enthusiastically backed

by some 100 angry citizens from Capitol East, not one of whom spoke in favor of the project. The Union Station plan, starting with the already authorized visitor's center and over-the-tracks parking garage, would -- if fully developed -- cover a vast area sweeping from D St. NE to New York Ave. and from the center leg of the freeway all the way to 6th St. NE. The scheme would have an impact on the city second only to that of the metro system. It would also bring land speculators into Near NE, greatly increase traffic, encourage the construction of more freeways, force people out of their homes, and add to pollution and amount to

the largest land grab in D. C. since the Southwest urban renewal program.

Charles Conrad, staff director of the National Capital Planning Commission, attempted to focus the attention of the audience on plans for the Visitor's Center, which would be constructed inside the existing station and would, in itself, not cause any displacement. The plans, as presented in a slide talk, contain a number of imaginative proposals, including a suggestion that two walk-through movie theaters be constructed to provide a visual orienta-

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Ingram Church turns Baptist

THE United Church of Christ has turned over Ingram Church, 10th & Mass. NE, to the Montello Ave. Baptist Church. The church will now be known as the Montello Ingram Church. According to Ingram's former minister, Charles Friou, this "is the first time in Washington that a major denomination has made facilities and financial resources available to a growing 'house' church as a means of supporting a community oriented ministry."

Ingram Church has, like the now-closed Keller Lutheran Church at 9th & Md. NE, experienced difficulties in recent years centering around the anomaly of a predominately white and non-resident congregation operating within a black community. Although neighborhood membership in the church has increased from 10 to 20% in the past seven years and although the total congregation has remained "reasonably constant," it has been clear in recent months that the nature of the church would have to be dramatically changed. Finally an understanding was reached with the Montello congregation, which has operated out of a church in Trinidad. The minister of the church is Rev. Jean Wright.

Friou, whose future plans are uncertain, gave this review of the situation to the Gazette:

"The Ingram Congregation was one of the first of the older church groups in the city, particularly east of the Capitol, to develop a ministry relevant

to the changed community. Following a careful study of possibilities, the congregation enlisted the support of the United Church in its efforts. With the financial support that was given by the United Church, Ingram was able to freely open its building to a wide range of community groups and to develop an extensive program of community service.

"Generous financial support from the members, and the United Church resources also made it possible for the church to provide extensive leadership in community affairs. For many years the congregation encouraged and supported many organization by providing space, use of office staff and the participation of the pastors and lay members. Organizations such as Park St. Homes, Near NE Group Ministry, Recreation Council, the Community Council, the Area 15 Planning Council, to name a few, have found Ingram Church at work with them.

"Underlying the decision of the congregation to transfer the church building is a reduction of funds available from the denomination. Unable to raise

significant new funds in recent years and faced with increased requests for support of new programs and the effects of inflation, the Conference of the United Church of Christ indicated that funds would be reduced in 1970. Under the circumstances, the congregation did not see how it could maintain the kind of community ministry they saw required. Following a series of conferences and consultation with community and church leaders, the present course of action was developed.

NEWS NOTES

A PARTY was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Langley, 907 Eye SE, last month to celebrate the community's victory in halting the expansion of the Marine Barracks. Among those attending were local residents active in the barracks fight, and Councilmen Sterling Tucker and Polly Shackleton.

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Their nonparticipation to date has been a source of frustration to community organizers.

-- A resolution was passed calling for the creation of a Capitol East crime committee to "initiate a program designed to promote better leadership in the Police Department in Capitol East and encourage citizens to assume more responsibility in promoting criminal deterrent programs." The resolution also called for a end to the consolidation of police precincts and a return to the old 14- precinct setup.

-- A resolution was passed calling upon DC officials to provide regular and adequate trash and garbage removal from all portions of the Capitol East area.

The texts of the various resolutions will be found on page 8.



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CapEast's 'ambassadors' had a good trip

A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

In June, 1969, Kent Neal and Lenore Simpson, juniors at Eastern High School, left Washington for Experiment in International Living summer programs in Luxembourg and Mexico respectively. They went as "Community Ambassadors" from Capitol East. Each joined with a group of about a dozen other American high school students for the trip abroad. Kent's group travelled to Clausen, Luxembourg, where each of the students spent the summer living with a local family. Lenore did the same with her group in Aguas Calientes, Mexico.

The sharing of family life is basic to the Experiment's goal of familiarizing young Americans with another culture, and of providing a unique opportunity for their intellectual and emotional growth. They develop new insights into themselves and their own culture from the experience of living, even briefly, as part of another culture.

Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Neal, 211 34th NE lived with a family which has three younger sons, ages 10, 9 and 6. Kent reports that he felt very much at home there because his Experiment "parents" argued with each other in the same way that his own mother and father do. His "mother" was always worried that he would get into trouble and his "father" always stood up for him.

Kent's month in Clausen was spent taking tours of the town and of its different industries, swimming, visiting relatives of his Luxembourg family, and enjoying nights on his own. Once or twice a week the whole Experiment group would assemble for a tour of some other part of the country.

After the month of family living, the Experiment group joined together for a two week tour of Switzerland, Belgium and West Germany and France.

Quite eye-opening for Kent was his discovery of the Italian section of Clausen. The Italians in Luxembourg are by and large lower class, poor and gathered together in a small area of the city. Kent found that he felt very much at home with these people. The spirit and tempo of life was much closer to that of his own community at home than the atmosphere in his Clausen home.

Kent feels that the most important contribution which his trip made to his own growth was the chance to see how other people react to problems. He reports that the Europeans with whom he came in contact cared less for the very minor, trivial events that occur each day and make headlines in this country. He was exposed to new ideas and to other peoples' views of this country and its problems. Finally, he says that he has some different views about this country now that he has had the chance to live outside of it and among others who do not share all of its values.

Lenore Simpson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Simpson 1618 Gales NE lived with a very different sort of family in Aguas Calientes. She had three "sisters", ages 21, 19, and 11, and seven "brothers", four of whom, ages 7, 9, 14, and 26, lived at home. She formed a very close relationship with her nineteen-year-old Experiment "sister," and shared in her personal and social life.

Her family was very active, and involved her in their affairs and introduced her to their friends. Lenore participated in a modern dance class, performing her own routine. Occasionally she worked as a seamstress in her Experiment "father's" clothing factory.

After a month of living with her family, she joined with the rest of her group for a two-week tour of other parts of Mexico. Her "sister" went along on this trip and Lenore hopes she will also visit her here in Washington.

As other important parts of her experience, Lenore points to the extensive sightseeing, language train-

ing, and chance to get to know the other American kids in her group.

Both Kent and Lenore have offered to answer questions from other young people interested in next summer's Community Ambassador program. Applications are now being accepted by the selection committee for one of three Ambassadorships planned. Forms and information can be obtained from Mrs. Joan Borum (546-4260), Mrs. Carolle Ward (546-8057), or Mrs. Virginia Greacen (544-7889).

Kent's and Lenore's summers abroad were arranged by the Capitol East Community Ambassador Program, which was organized in December, 1969 by a group of former Experimenters now residents of Capitol Hill.

The Committee's goal for last year was to send two Eastern High students abroad. This year the group has raised its sights, hoping to send three or more high school aged young people from Capitol public schools, parochial schools or job training programs on the Experiment. It hopes that some or all of the students will be able to visit Africa under new high school Experiment in International Living programs being instituted this year.

Last year's goal was realized when \$1800 was raised, through the generous contributions of many individuals and organizations, and through a series of fund-raising events sponsored by the Committee.

This year's committee chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. John Greacen, 170 North Carolina Avenue, S. E. (Tel: 544-7889). They would welcome hearing from anyone interested in helping with the project.

NEWS NOTES

EARTHA Murray jumped to her death from a second story window last month as flames engulfed her home at 820 7th NE. Also killed in the blaze were Angelo Wright, 2, and George Wright Jr. 4.

THE Chalk House, 1425 4th SW, has been sold by O. Roy Chalk to S. Finley Thomas, a Middleburg, Va. real estate investor. The price paid amounted to more than \$26,000 a unit. Included in the deal was the Chalk House West and the Edgewater Condominium. The apartments will now be known as Finley House.

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Capitol East library use jumped in '69

BOOK circulation in Capitol East's two public libraries jumped some 20 per cent in the last six months of 1969, according to the library administration. During the same period, several major improvements were made in local libraries, including the addition to the stock of the Northeast Branch of some \$20,000 worth of books over and above the library's normal allotment of approximately \$12,000.

The increases in library use and books on hand represent a dramatic turnaround from the recent past. Last April the Gazette ran a report documenting the discriminatory funding procedures carried out by the library system that had resulted in predominantly black communities such as Capitol East getting the short end of the library budget. Both the Gazette and the Washington Post ran subsequent articles outlining serious deficiencies in the administration of the DC library system.

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The Capitol East Community Organization quickly picked up on the problem and made it a matter of prime concern. Organizing a library card drive, CECO arrange for thousands of neighborhood youngsters to be introduced to what a library is and can be. The drive was an outstanding success and CECO has continued to push for improvements in local

NEWS NOTES

The Tiber-Island Carrollsburg Square Tenants Council has won an agreement under which the planned rent increases at the SW apartment complex have drastically cut. Management was seeking up to a 32% increase, but a rent strike against the Berens Company, led to the settlement that reduced the rent hike to a maximum of 12%. Said Tenants Council president C. Wayne Hunter, "We've proven that tenant power can be effective. This sentiment is growing, all over the city, all over the country."

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Teachers Incorporated: trying together

"THOSE who profess to favor freedom, yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters."

Fredrick Douglas

There are 15 teachers in Capitol East who have gotten together to plow up the ground a little.

They are part of a non-profit corporation experiment call Teachers Incorporated, created to bring more relevant and effective teaching to inner-city schools. The project began in 1968 in New York. The Washington group, initiated this past fall, is the fourth to be sponsored by the corporation.

A poster bearing the Douglas quotation above, produced by Teachers Inc., presides over the living room of the group's rented D. C. headquarters at 703 G St., SE.

Here, in rooms furnished with thrift center sofas and chairs, posters and children's projects and art work, these 15 teachers can find some coffee, some fresh insights, and some companions to ease the solitude of an isolated teacher battling the problems of the inner city school.

"The furniture in my classroom was condemned last spring" said one member teacher at a recent meeting in the Teachers Inc. office with Ward 6 Board representative Marty Swaim. "But I can't seem to get any furniture to replace it."

"The heat in my demountable classroom is always 80 degrees," reported another. She had been told the only way it could be regulated was to call the gas company and have them regulate it at the central main and that no one would take the responsibility to do that.

"They've replaced my perfectly good clear glass windows with opaque plastic," said another. Not only did they create a harsh light hard on the eyes, she said, but she could no longer use the out-of-doors as a teaching tool.

In the groups gathered around the coffee pot in the late afternoon, these problems took on the humor of shared dilemmas. Alone, they could be the kind of little serious things which make teachers give up and quit or give in and resign themselves to the system.

The fifteen teachers involved in the Teachers Inc. program in Washington work in two teams, one



Mrs. Cherry Williams, who decided to stay in the teaching profession because of Teachers Inc., works with a student in her class at Giddings.

at Giddings elementary school at 3rd and G SE and the other at Payne elementary school at 15th and C, SE. Each team has a resource teacher with no regular class assignments who can help in the classroom with teaching style and content, and out of the classroom with research on new curricula, with finding new materials, and with contacting parents and others in the community served by the school.

In addition, staff director Jane Weisel, in the central office on G Street, organizes weekly workshops on specific curriculum projects, and has the time to write letters, reproduce materials, and do other things the classroom teacher bound to a regular schedule cannot do.

Miss Heidi Steffins, resource teacher at Giddings, believes the most important thing Teachers Inc. contributed to its participating teachers is support.

"So many teachers gripe about the system and never do anything about it. No one ever assumes they can do anything about it."

"The major thing we've contributed is that the teachers think of themselves as a group of 15. They begin to say they can do something about it."

An example is Mrs. Cherry Williams who went back to teaching in 1968 as her family was growing up. "After one year, she said, I was ready to give it up and find another career. I couldn't teach the way I wanted to; the kids weren't learning."

Then she heard about the Teachers Inc. project scheduled to begin in fall 1969 and joined it.

"Somehow teaching is fun this year," she says. She finds that when there are new things to be tried, Teachers Inc. will break the ground with the administration, then come in behind and support her.

Her prime example is a current experiment with ten Polaroid cameras and 50 rolls of film donated to Teachers Inc. by the Polaroid Corporation.

Teachers Inc. sponsored a workshop one Sunday afternoon for all its teachers on how to use the cameras which are uncomplicated, sturdy models. Then the teachers showed the students how to take pictures in the classroom. The students were then asked to talk and write about what they had photographed.

Director Jane Weisel stresses the importance of this kind of tool in the teaching of reading, but it encourages children to express themselves and to describe what they see around them. This leads to the revelation, as expressed by one child, "reading is just talk written down."

The two resource teachers, Heidi Steffins at Giddings, and Maurice Sykes at Payne, are now planning workshops for parents on the subject of reading and how to make it more exciting for their children.

The Teachers Inc. staff is most interested in working with parents and would like to see parents visiting schools where experimentation is going on. "When we talk to parents about free classrooms, they think you're talking about chaos since they've never seen it work," says Miss Weisel.

They are also trying to find a way for the teachers to get out of their classrooms and go into the community, visit schools doing new things, and take trips to such places as the Educational Development Center in Boston where they can be challenged and inspired by the latest in curriculum research.

This kind of travel is still not accepted as necessary for the teacher, Miss Weisel pointed out.

"For years and years we've talked about teachers as professionals, but they aren't treated as professionals and don't think of themselves as such. Only administrators are supposed to travel and go to meetings."

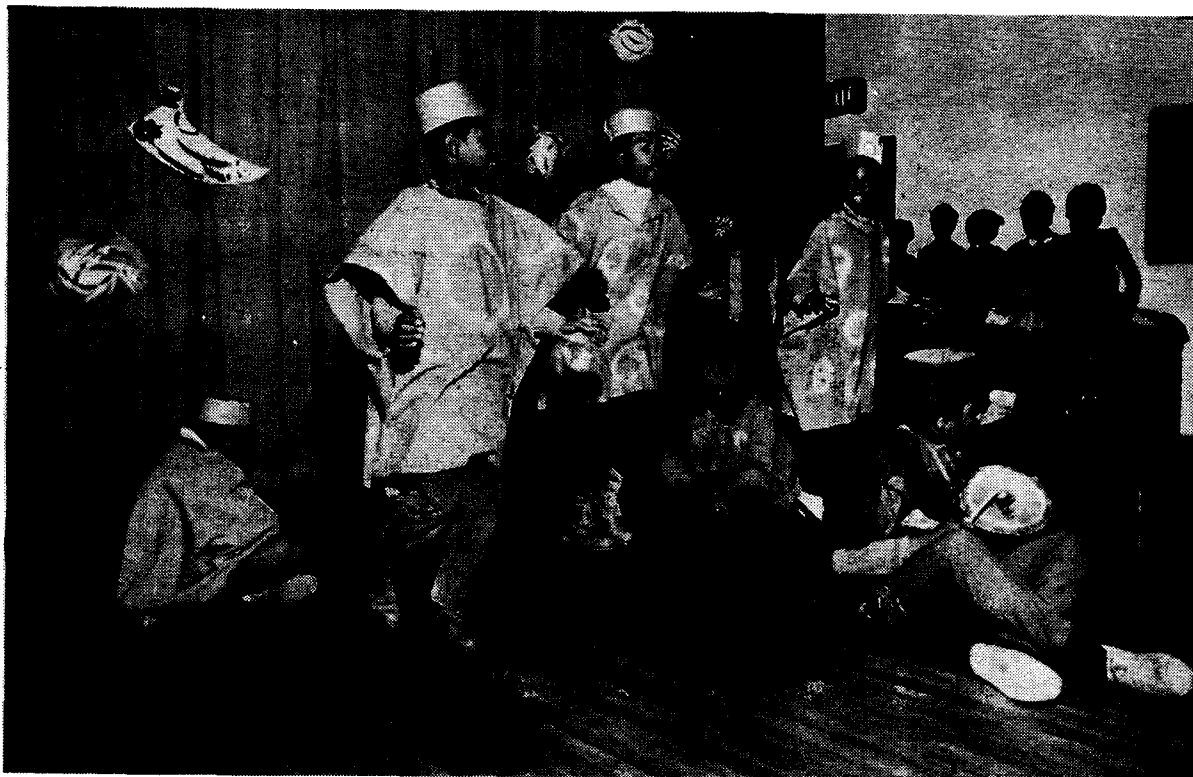
In order to encourage an attitude of professionalism in its member teachers, Teachers Inc. is asking the teachers themselves to develop expertise in various areas of curriculum and to lead workshops for the rest of the group, rather than bring in people from the outside.

The group, however, does hear from outside specialists, and did so particularly during a 4 week orientation session held last summer before the opening of the school year. In the Friendship House House Teen Center loaned to them during the day by the House, the member teachers heard specialists in each subject with emphasis on how to carry out more individualized instruction.

The Teachers also met with community leaders since it is most anxious to be part of the community in which it is working. Teachers Inc. sent delegates to the Capitol East Community Organization convocation in November and are most interested in its activities.

The great majority of the teachers in the Capitol East Teachers Inc. project were already teaching in the D. C. school system before becoming affiliated with the project, one of them for as long as nine years. Of the original ten teachers, only three were from outside of the District.

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Sallah, a Moslem holiday which falls during our Christmas season, was the subject of a performance by Mrs. Grace Cowan's class at the Giddings' Christmas program. Mrs. Cowan, a member of Teachers, Inc., has taught in the D. C. schools for 9 years.

From gallery to galley *by Nan Niblock*



While best known for his talents as an art gallery director, Harry Lunn--the first man singled out in this column--also is very adept in the kitchen. The fact that he does have two art galleries, one at 212 7th St., S.E., and another at 3243 P St., in Georgetown, is one of the reasons why Lunn has polished his culinary skills.

For openings and other special gallery events where food is served, he first started preparing special dishes, and he quickly found cooking to be both a challenging and pleasurable avocation. Lunn has less reason to cook than some American males; his French wife also is an excellent cook. But rather than just sit back and enjoy her dishes, he decided to emulate her success in the kitchen.

Saute chicken breasts in butter to brown and transfer to Dutch oven. Pour Calvados over chicken breasts and ignite.

Saute chopped onions and green peppers and add to chicken in Dutch oven.

Season to taste with freshly ground pepper, salt and a bit of curry powder. Add 1/4 C. vermouth.

Add apples, cover, and simmer for an hour. Ten minutes before serving, toss in 1/2 lb. mushrooms.

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And I have the vague but unscientific impression that this is not the only item coming to the shelves these days without benefit of price tag.

Is it Safeway policy . . . or are they just overworked at this 7th and C St. store? Ever since the Safeway closed at 7th near A, NE, this one is a constant mob scene. Is anyone else suffering?

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Thanks to the help of friends, relatives, and even my husband, I am becoming thoroughly immersed in what I ought to worry about in regard to my child's spiritual, psychological, and physical development. I'm beginning to think I will somehow be able to cope with the theories of Gesell Spock, and Ginot.

But it's the little things that nobody writes about that really throw me . . . like getting out the front door.

I mean getting out the front door in wintertime with the baby and the beagle dog, with the baby in the snowsuit and mittens, the leash on the dog, the phone not ringing, the mailman not asking for 2¢ postage due, the stroller out the front door through the hallway where the husband's bike is padlocked and up against the wall on one wheel because there's no place else to put it, the stroller down the front steps while the baby and the dog are howling inside because they think they're not going along, the stroller out the swinging gate while the dog who always runs away is making it down the block because I can't hold the leash and the stroller and still get out the gate, and the mother with her peace of mind.

There are times when I think I've got this motherhood, wifehood, personhood combination bit all worked out. If I can ever get out the front door without losing my cool, I'll consider I've got it made.

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CHRONICLES OF NEGRO PROTEST: A BACKGROUND BOOK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DOCUMENTING THE HISTORY OF BLACK POWER compiled and edited with commentary by Bradford Chambers. Parents, 1968. \$4.50. (12 and up).

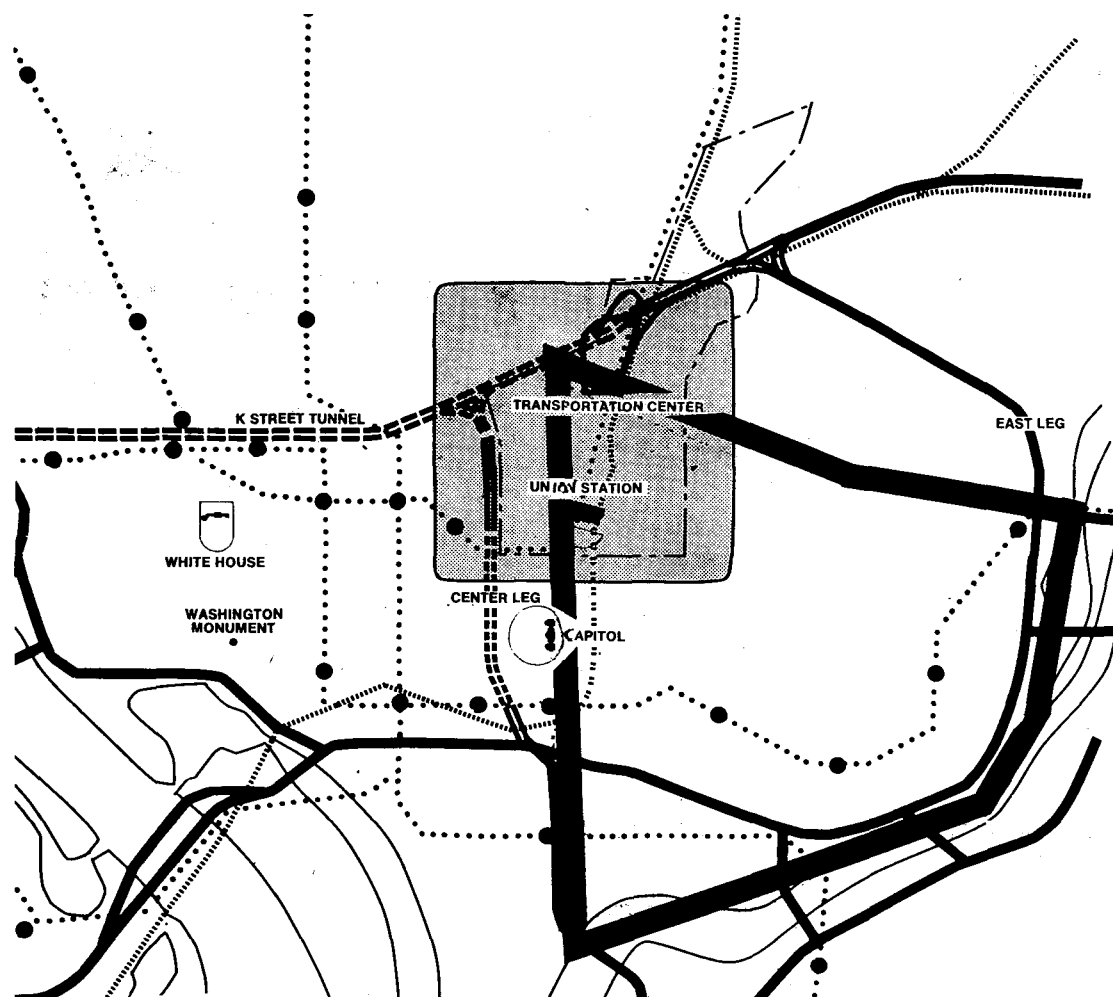
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THE LONG BLACK SCHOONER, by Emma Gelders Sterne. Follett, 1968. \$3.95. A timely reissue of the factual story of a boatload of African captives who seized their ship, were imprisoned, and later freed by the first historic "civil rights" decision of 1839.

THE NEGRO REVOLUTION, by Robert Goldston. Macmillan, 1968. \$4.95. An excellent children's history of the American Negro. (11 and up).

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The station & the freeway noose



THIS map shows the relationship between the Union Station project and Capitol East (outlined with dark border). The effects of the project could penetrate deep into the community. Note also the freeway noose around Capitol East consisting of the South Leg, the soon to be constructed east leg and center leg and the New York Ave. freeway, still on the drawing boards. Construction of the New York freeway is essential to the development of the Union Station complex according to the plans the government is now trying to force upon the community.

UNION STATION

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tion to the city and that another film show be projected on the bottom of a well sunk in the center of the main concourse.

But as Model Cities representative John Anthony pointed out:

"This group is causing you to concentrate on just one facet. The visitor's center is minute at this time, but there are many other programs and projects planned for the total area."

Moore's comments and interrogation of government spokesmen--who, with the company congressmen and local business interests, are pushing the concept -- set the tone for the evening. Moore brought out the fact that not a single black person sits on the advisory commission set up to oversee the project. Moore went on:

"They've come here tonight asking for citizen's evaluation of this project, but citizens can not adequately critique anything without their own technicians chosen by them. That means either you (Conrad) or the Interior Dept. (one of the project's sponsors) or Mr. Auerbach (a planning consultant for the project) or the railroad are going to have to come up with about a half million dollars for the community to begin to really look at this."

Moore continued with a pointed reference to the planning commission's obvious desire to move this project along:

"The center is number two in terms of impact on this city to the subway system. This is a tremendous impact on the city. Therefore we will have to have the adequate money to watch and check out your proposal. In that light, it means that I don't see how we can get to NCPC for a long, long time. It's just impossible because of the number of things that have to be done."

Moore stated:

"There are some very, very critical things that

have not been answered. One is the economic impact on this area. Secondly, we have to look at the traffic. I think you've slopped over the traffic problem. We aren't going to be able to justify that until we get the half-million dollars, then we're going to have our own transportation expert to do what is necessary to check this out. For example, you talk about pollution. We may have to get an injunction against you before you even start because you're going to come up here and genocide us all with fumes.

"We've got to have an economic feasibility study to really see the impact. It's going way beyond what you've said and there's not really much you can tell us tonight because we don't believe it in the first place. And secondly, Mr. Conrad, I think you should look at it realistically and have no delusions of time because nothing is going to move until we have the funds. I don't care where it comes from, but we must have some money to hire our consultants, our technicians, to determine whether or not you are really getting ready to do us in again."

The planned visitors center is only the first step in the total Union Station area development scheme. Other elements include:

- An intercity bus terminal
- An 18,000 seat arena and exposition center to be located over the tracks north of the present station.
- Hotel, motel and office construction.
- A heliport
- An airport limousine terminal

While these facilities would be concentrated initially on railroad property, the planners (despite the efforts of Conrad to downplay this fact) clearly expect private development of the surrounding area. A report prepared by the consulting firm of Conklin & Rossant for the NCPC a year ago makes the point succinctly:

"The Visitor Center must be made the focal point of the surrounding ring of intensive private development. . . ."

If the scheme is as successful as its sponsors hope, it will create great pressures for redevelopment by commercial interests of the adjacent community.

Conklin & Rossant speak of the role of private development primarily in terms of the area immediately around Union Station, but the principles outlined in the report could be easily extended.

The firm cites three ways that the private development potential of the area could be fostered:

- Through urban renewal.
- Through the creation of a nonprofit public authority using "eminent domain powers to acquire land and make it available for development."
- Through a revision of the D. C. code that would "include a special-purpose zoning category which would be assigned to select areas such as this."

The report goes on: "In summary, the prime development area would be a very attractive investment package either for the private developer seeking a sound return on his equity dollar or for a nonprofit group who would apply the surplus revenues to subsidize the revenue deficient parts of the total action area."

Cutting through the planning jargon, the situation amounts to this: the entire area surrounding the Visitors Center will be a free fire zone for private developers and land speculators, a prime location for offices, new apartments, hotels, and greatly expanded parking facilities. The sights are set directly upon the Near NE community.

Aside from the economic development impact of the project, the Union Station plan will create a staggering increase in area traffic. Here are some of the estimates from the Conklin & Rossant report:

- Intercity bus terminal: 14,600 passengers a day. 44 buses an hour at peak times. Passenger and employee parking required: 1,100.
- Railroad terminal: 14,600 passengers a day. Passenger and employee parking required: 1125 spaces.
- Airport limousine terminal: 4,450 passengers a day. 46 vehicles an hour at peak times. Passenger and employee parking: 170 spaces.
- Facilities for auto rental: 110 spaces required.
- Intracity bus facilities: 35,290 passengers a day. 167 vehicles an hour at peak times.
- Taxi facilities: 16,230 passengers a day. 1,280 vehicles an hour at peak times.
- Metro station: 33,280 passengers a day.
- Visitor Center parking: 70,000 auto passengers a day. 4,000 charter bus passengers a day. Visitor and employee parking: 7,520 spaces.
- Post Office expansion: 600 vehicles a day. 150 vehicles an hour at peak times. Employee parking: 1,500.
- Arena and convention facilities: Parking demand: 3,000 spaces.

In short, the Union Station area will be the prime transportation center of the city, and despite NCPC assurances that this will not spill over into the adjoining community, all indications are that it will. For example, present plans call for the elevation of H St. over the railroad tracks (it now goes under the tracks) in order to serve both the station and visitors center to the south and the proposed arena to the north. The effect of this, as Capitol East residents already know because of their proximity to RFK Stadium, would be to create large traffic jams and make H St. undesirable as a route for persons living in the area at those times when the arena is being filled or emptied.

How would the traffic reach the transportation center? In large part, the scheme to concentrate transportation facilities at Union Station hinges on the completion of the freeway noose being drawn around Capitol East (See map.) If completed, the New York Ave. expressway would bring people in from the north and the center leg would bring people in from the south and north. The New York Ave. freeway, like other super-roads proposed for the Dis-

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CECO resolutions

The following resolutions were passed by the delegates' meeting of the Capitol East Community Organization on December 15.

Schools

WHEREAS the key to developing strong public schools is a strong, interested community of citizens Whereas there is an urgent need for stimulating citizen concern for quality education in our communities. Whereas there is a need to develop leadership which has community-wide-knowledge, interest, and experience in the Capitol East community's educational problems,

BE IT RESOLVED that a Capitol East Education Committee be established to develop election procedures and the responsibilities of a Capitol East Community School Board. The committee will establish (1) nominating procedures, (2) nominee qualifications (3) voting and registration procedures and (4) board responsibilities. This committee will be made up of representatives from all CECO member organizations in the Capitol East community.

Libraries

WHEREAS there has been a substantial lack of interest in the community for making use of the public library. Whereas other sections of the city have facilities and services far superior to the Capitol East community (e.g. Capitol East is one of the few communities that has none of its libraries air-conditioned). Whereas there is no independent agent for stimulating cooperation and mutual support between the public library and other public and private institutions, such as schools, churches, and social agencies. Whereas there is no regular structure for local community involvement in the affairs of the local public library. Whereas the DC Public Library has not led in experimental projects of community involvement,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Capitol East Community Organization immediately initiate negotiations with the DC Public Library Board for the establishment of a pilot project which would involve an elected Capitol East Community Library Board which would have responsibility for preparation and presentation of the budget for Capitol East public libraries, employee selection and grievances, and local library policy.

Be it further resolved that until such time as a locally elected board be established, a local citizen advisory group be formed to insure that the best interests of Capitol East are served by the present board.

Be it further resolved that the existing SE Branch be renovated to include a separate children's room on the lower level and the Capitol East community libraries be air-conditioned.

Crime

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of the residents of the entire Capitol East area are imperiled by lack of citizens response. Whereas the relationship between the police department citizens of the black community has deteriorated. Whereas the police officials still suppress the advancement of black policemen by putting emphasis on attitudes rather than written examination. Whereas the majority of metropolitan policemen live in the suburbs,

BE IT RESOLVED that a Capitol East Community Organization Crime Committee initiate a program designed to promote better leadership in the Police Department in the Capitol East area and to encourage citizens to assume more responsibility in promoting criminal deterrent program. Be it further resolved that the Police Department return to precinct jurisdiction in place of the present centralized jurisdiction.

Black churches

WHEREAS we affirm the right of black churches to determine their financial priorities in light of their own needs. Whereas we believe black churches are continuing to respond to the needs of the community. Whereas we affirm the right of black people to exercise control over the resources to be employed for our economic development. Whereas we support all agencies seeking to enable black people to realize our full human potential. Whereas the black clergymen of the Capitol Hill Group Ministry firmly believe that economic development of the black community is essential in the process of liberating black people,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Capitol East Community

Organization adopt a suitable procedure for procuring funds for the various credit unions in order to foster economic development in the black community.

Plan: Representatives from CECO shall visit each ministry of each congregation to determine a time to meet with the congregation for the following reasons: (a) to discuss black economic development. (b) to secure pledges (the basis for pledges will be determined by each congregation.)

Be it further resolved that any other churches that so desire initiate some form of regular program or process to acquaint their membership with a report on the state of the community regarding its social, economic, and political progress along with their regular concern for spiritual affairs.

Trash and garbage

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of the residents of portions of the Capitol East area are imperiled by inadequate trash and garbage removal.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the proper District of Columbia officials be requested and urged to provide adequate trash and garbage removal from all portions of the Capitol East area.

NEWS NOTES

DR. John Algee has been named to head the District neighborhood health centers, including the ones at 1227 G SE, 1011-1101 7th SE, and 635 H NE. Algee has served as the chief of the centers on 7th & G Sts. SE. He joined the department in 1963 as chief resident in internal medicine at D. C. General.

News from Circle on the Hill

BY VIRGINIA SHARFENBERGER

ON Dec. 3, in observance of the National Welfare Rights Organization's week-long test of President Nixon's proposed Family Assistance Plan, eight women met to eat the 18¢ worth of dinner that the plan's food budget would allow each of them in the District of Columbia. The plan would allow an estimated \$3.77 per person for one week's food, personal care and household supplies in the District.

As one member of Circle on the Hill's welfare committee put it, the savory smell of neck bones, cabbage and potatoes hardly compensated for the hunger pangs they felt after eating. Another thing that concerned the women was the difficulty in preparing any meal of nutritional adequacy on such a budget. The Circle members expressed these reactions in individual letters written that evening to President Nixon, the House and Senate Chairmen of the District of the District of Columbia Committees, and the House and Senate Chairman of the D. C. Subcommittees of their Appropriations Committees. Several women have received a few replies.

Present at the dinner were three women from the citywide Welfare Rights Organization (Mrs. Etta Horne, Mrs. Mary Smith, and Mrs. Gladys Bennett) and five Circle members and friends -- (Mrs. Leon Riley, Mrs. Kirk Scharfenberg, Mrs. William Alford, Mrs. Leo Hichey and Miss Barbara Katz.)

The welfare committee plans to sponsor similar dinners in 1970 for its membership and other interested women.



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BACK ALLEY

house in the early twenties. Community use of the theatre declined and in the early fifties Capitol Film Laboratories made the building and two adjacent shops into a place for shooting and processing movies instead of showing them. Photographers, technicians, directors and actors were in and out of the Carolina for awhile. Then, National Film Studios took over from Capitol about 1960. But since about 1965, it's been all down-hill for the venerable Carolina.

From the outside, the Carolina is not tremendously inviting--and from the inside, it's even less so. It sits grey and forlorn on the corner, eating up taxes and inviting vandalism.

Enter Back Alley, the budding community theatre which closed its season at 212 East Capitol Street last July and wanted very much to stay on Capitol Hill. Back Alley's search for rental quarters led it to the Carolina. Owner Tom Vassil has been most cooperative. He helped the group get a zoning ruling which clears the Carolina for use as a performing arts center. He has told Back Alley he will meet them half way on almost any rental arrangement they propose.

In the meantime, Back Alley is storing props and material for a nominal monthly sum and, inch by inch, putting the interior into minimal (read primitive) operating condition--a little heat here, a cold water tap there, etc. Back Alley and Vassil are discussing a formal lease to cover the improvements the group will have to make if the Carolina is some day to open its doors as a regular theatre.

Improvements: Plumbing, wiring, heat need repair or installation of new equipment. Walls need tearing down, floors rebuilding, the entire inside a complete doing over. One estimate was \$50,000. Back Alley is a volunteer community theatre company with no full-time paid staff. It is uncapitalized depending totally on grant assistance and performance revenues and destined, in the nature of community theatre, to run on a shoestring. Then why is Back Alley fooling around with an expensive white elephant like the Carolina?

"Because," says Board member Russ Adams, "there is no better hope on Capitol Hill and because the Carolina, bad as its present condition is, has great possibilities. Because this is where we want to be. Because we think that with some luck and help and hard work, we can fix it up ourselves without spending what we don't have. The Carolina could be a real home for us and that's worth investing what we do have--labor and time."

Hill residents will recall Back Alley's programs; plays reflective of Washington values and lifestyles; showcases of other talent; low-cost workshop training in theatre arts; lobby displays and exhibits. While Back Alley nibbles away at the Carolina, it is resuming these programs and opening its 1970 season at 1365 Kennedy N.W., two blocks from Carter Barron Amphitheatre. It opens on January 22 with two black experience plays. *DAY OF ABSENCE* by Douglas Turner Ward is a broad satire on race relations. Set in a small Southern town, it explores the irony of white dependency on black servitude. *JOHNNAS* by Bill Gunn probes the minds and hearts of three individuals, contrasting a black family's inner life and tenderness with society's crippling racial classifications and its insensitivity to the artist. Performances will be at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, January 22nd through February 14th. Back Alley hopes that its

friends in Capitol East will come to see the shows. For reservations and ticket information call: 723-2040.

And so, after years of loneliness, the Carolina is on the verge of a renaissance as a live theatre. Back Alley hopes that its neighbors will be interested enough in having a performing arts center to help make the dream come true. Materials, manpower and money are needed, and all are invited to join the team. Donations are tax deductible since Back Alley is a tax exempt nonprofit organization. For further information contact Russel Adams or Naomi Eftis through the theatre's answering service at: 723-2040, or write to The Back Alley Theatre, 1365 Kennedy Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011.

LIBRARY

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libraries. Just last month, CECO voted to try to make Capitol East a testing ground for an experimental community library board.

The community efforts have received enthusiastic support from local branch librarians -- Ralph Csoke in Near NE and Jody Pitzenberger in Near SE -- who themselves are strong advocates of innovations in library services and who have been trying to put their ideas into action.

NEWS NOTES

ACME Markets has opened a new supermarket at 45 L SW. It's Acme's only store in the District.

NEAR NE is one of the areas of the city causing the most false fire alarms according to a report by the District Fire Department. Other communities with a high incidence of false alarms are Anacostia, Far NE, Brightwood and Petworth. False alarms are currently running between 1500 and 1800 a month and the department is thinking of recommending that traditional alarms be replaced with new voice-activated alarms in areas where the pull boxes have been causing trouble.

A PARKING survey prepared for the National Capitol Planning Commission and the City Council suggests that consideration be given to the restriction of curb space in Capitol East for exclusive use by residents. According to the report:

"This could be done by leasing of the street space in front of a house or through a permit (the latter would be similar to loading areas in some commercial zones). An alternative or even supplementary plan could use the sale of windshield stickers to denote holders of leased street space. Such a scheme would discourage use of residential streets for all day parking by commuters. Its obvious drawbacks are the problem of enforcement and the requirement for residents to pay for space which has hitherto been free. There would be the further complication of providing parking space for friends of residents in the area."

The report, prepared by Alan M. Voorhees & Associates, also states that "in some residential areas there may be internal space within blocks on which parking could be developed."

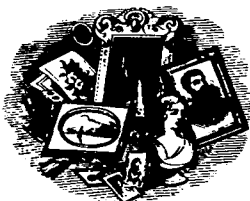
THAT 19-year-old Catholic University coed who was found slain last month, was discovered in the bushes in front of Rogers Memorial Hospital, 8th & Mass. NE. Police are still seeking the killer.

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trict, is being opposed by citizens groups, but the government is determined to drive this new cement corridor into the center of Washington.

At the meeting on Jan. 5, NCPC staff director Conrad refused to commit himself to seek the money that Rev. Moore wants to permit the community to defend itself against the outrage at Union Station.

But even without the money, the Near NE community seems to have recognized that the fight must go on. William Reese -- a Model Cities councilman -- said that he would strongly battle the development: "I will go to jail, but while I'm out on bail. . . ."

Even the normally mild-mannered Brent Oldham, director of the Reconstruction and Development Corp., was upset. He told Conrad that he was wasting his time coming to the meeting because he hadn't been given anything in writing about the specifics of the project. Said Oldham: "This is a new day for urban planning. There's no such thing as private property anymore. There's only people's property -- because it has an impact on people."

The meeting broke up in disarray as disgusted members of the community drifted out, leaving the NCPC and the project sponsors to ponder Rev. Moore's demand for planning money and the eloquent summary by one participant:

"A rose by any name is a rose and a stinking project by any name is a stinking project. I would like to know how many homes will be taken by this project ultimately. I want to know how many more cars are going to be dragged into this area and how much worse the environment of this city is going to be as a result of it. I want to know if this is going to be another D. C. Stadium deal with a tripling of costs ultimately. I want to know if it's going to be another SW urban renewal project."

Those are the questions. The answers are yet to come.

Happiness is 100 pots a day

Nan Niblock

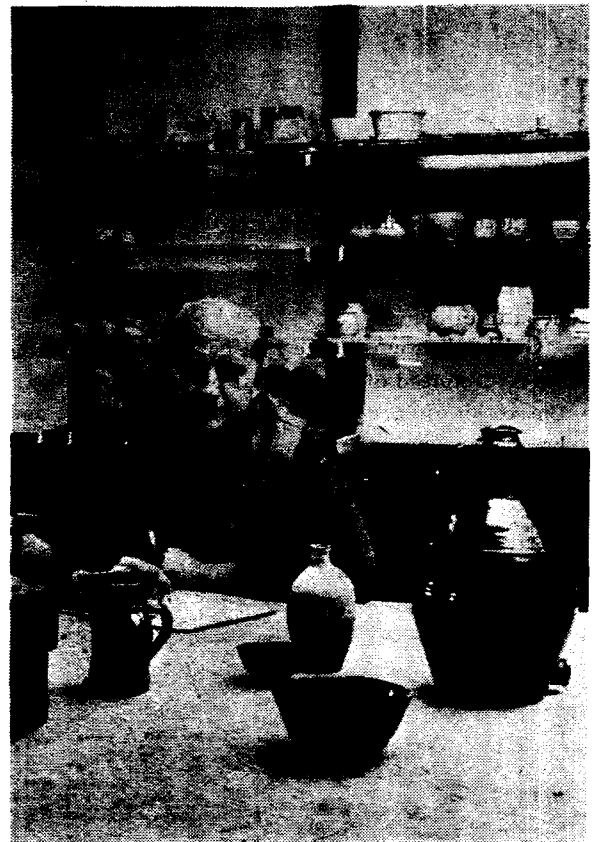
HAROLD Guilland's idea of a good day is throwing 100 pots.

"Making lots of pots--that's where it is. You turn out alot of pots out of which come a few good ones," says the owner of the Eastern Market Pottery.

In a second floor room at the north end of the Eastern Market, Guilland is either throwing a pot at his electric potters wheel or teaching classes in hand built pottery and wheel pottery.

New students in pottery begin with hand building. The three major approaches in hand building are pinch, coil, and slab. Variations on these three methods are innumerable and some potters spend their whole lives refining these hand building methods.

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HAROLD GUILLAND

TEACHERS

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Subsequently five more D. C. teachers in the two schools served have joined the group.

This is a major way in which the project differs from others designed to bring new and innovative teachers to inner city schools. The Teachers Corps, funded by Congress two years ago, has proved to be successful teacher training program, but not a force for changing ghetto schools since its teachers come in small groups from outside the community and leave once their term is completed.

Other Teachers Inc. projects in other cities--three in New York and one in Chapel Hill--have also varied in the number of member teachers taken from outside the community.

At the beginning of the New York projects many inexperienced but eager liberal arts graduates were hired. "They were dynamic teachers. They would sit up late into the night discussing educational theory" says Miss Weisel. "But they were highly mobile, and they moved on."

On the other hand, she said "It's sometimes like pulling teeth to get the experienced local teachers in the Washington project to talk. But they are likely to stay in this community."

The Chapel Hill program is more a combination of resident and outside teachers and is the most successful for that reason, Miss Weisel believes.

Teachers Incorporated is a private non-profit foundation funded by the Meyer, Stern, Strong, and New World Foundations. It began its work with the three New York projects during the 1968-1969 school year.

Miss Weisel was studying international education in Pittsburgh after a two year stint in the Peace Corps in Africa when she discovered the United States and the problems of its cities were more interesting to her. She heard about Teachers Inc., and while teaching here during the 1968-69 school year developed a proposal and got the funding to start a project here.

"There are some administrators here who do admit there are problems and are willing to do something about them," she says in explaining her choice of Washington. She feels that Larry Cuban, director of the Office of Staff Development by which the Teachers Inc. experiment is supervised, is such an administrator.

"But no change is going to happen without it being forced by teachers, parents, and administrators in projects such as ours."

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THE WASHINGTON POST

Citizens Fight Road in Park

By Kirk Scharfenberg
Washington Post Staff Writer

Citizen opposition is building in Montgomery County to plan to construct a six-lane freeway through Silgo Creek Park, and then through the middle of Wheaton Regional Park.

The purpose of the road is to provide a link in the eastern half of the county between

the Capital Beltway and the proposed Outer Beltway. The road has been designated in the long range plans of the State Roads Commission for about 10 years as the "Northern Parkway" and has been set for four lanes.

Now the commission is calling the 4.9-mile road a "freeway", which would open it for truck traffic, and is seeking

money to make it a six-lane road.

At a meeting last night at which the Montgomery delegation to the Maryland General Assembly was briefed on the roads commission's plans for the next five years, a representative of the Citizens Committee To Save The Parks distributed a statement opposing the road.

In addition, the state representative, said, "The commission's plan to build the road will be a disaster for the parks."

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Union Station Renovation

Tourists' Center Plan Aired

By Aaron Latham
Washington Post Staff Writer

The public was treated to a slide show last night depicting a visitors' center to be constructed within the shell of Washington's Union Station.

Many of those who saw the

show made it known that they feared their neighborhood would be overrun by tourists and the hotels and motels that they would attract.

The Rev. Douglas Moore, of the Reconstruction Development

Corp., demanded \$500,000 to finance a black and white-run project.

The slide show depicted a visitors' center to be constructed within the shell of Washington's Union Station.

WASHINGTON's establishment is strongly behind the Union Station project. For example, note the bland, back-of-the-paper treatment given the meeting on Jan. 5 by the city's "liberal" daily, the Post. Typically, the story shared the Post's graveyard with a piece about citizen opposition to freeways. The Star, on the other hand, did give good advance publicity to the meeting and placed its story on the 2nd page of the city section.

Whether one hand builds pottery or uses a wheel, Guiland feels the piece produced should be utilitarian. "It's good art if it is utilitarian and doesn't need intellectualizing."

Guiland's route to the Hill has been a circuitous one. "I started off in clinical psychology at the University of Oregon, took one pottery course and have been with it ever since."

After starting two shops in California, (one located north of San Francisco in the Redwoods), he spent a year as a government adviser helping to establish a hand-crafted clay industry in Dominick, British West Indies.

Now with his fourth pottery, which opened in October, Guiland joins in what he feels is a nucleus of potters here on the Hill. Guiland has special praise for the work of two resident potters, Renny Parziale and Joe Vitek. "Crafts in any community draw people and are good for that community--they make it a fresh place to live."

Everyone wants hand-crafted objects, but the average craftsman usually has to be extremely innova-

tive to make a financial success of his operation. Sales alone seldom pay all the fare for facilities, equipment and materials. The mortality rate of craft shops is traditionally high. Guiland believes the Hill is more receptive to craftsmen and their products than the average community, and the chances of success in this environment are good. He doesn't sell his own pottery in his airy niche behind "the Market"; it's sold by galleries and craft shops in Washington.

Guiland is thought by many to be the foremost authority in the history of pottery. "Before the industrial takeover of pottery during the Civil War,

every crossroad and valley depended upon and supported its local potter for household ware," says Guiland. "The big manufacturers took control in centers such as Troy, N. Y., East Liverpool, Ohio, and Trenton, N. J., and produced predominately machine-turned pottery."

Guiland feels pottery is a historically neglected craft. He is completing a book, Early American Folk Pottery, to be published in the fall of 1970 by Chilton Book Company, in Philadelphia. "This is the first book of this kind written from the potter's perspective and will have 500 illustrations" says Guiland.

NEWS NOTES

AHMED Elnaggar, who has been serving as planning consultant to the Capitol East Housing Council made a good point last month in reviewing past planning practices in Capitol East. Elnaggar said that all the previous plans have "directed themselves toward the Capitol." He says the plans should now be turned inward on the community.

Letters

Assembly

ON November 10, 1969, I heard comments on the Community Assembly pro and con and have heard some since. I myself agree with Raymon Smith, who said during the discussion of the presidency, "Sister, we can get it together."

The Assembly did have problems from my point of view. I believe it should provide for individual membership in some way to represent the unorganized. I personally think the rules should have permitted nominations from the floor. I think the majority of the Board should be residents here.

I wasn't too taken with Lonnie Shabazz argument that the Jews were never exiled in Egypt. As the lady sitting next to me said, "I believe in getting things together but not because Elijah said so."

On the other hand, I did not submit any of my proposals to the Constitution and Membership Committee. By next Spring at the Assembly I can do that and the delegates can decide on them all as they choose.

The important thing about the assembly from my point of view is that in Ward VI we are a small city. If we were anywhere else, we would elect at least a Mayor, a five member council and six member school board for this area alone. To make home rule work here we need groundwork in organization, in debate, in any way possible. That is what the Assembly was all about and will continue to be about.

That is more important than any question of procedure. Organizing is so important that I think

Who killed Tyrone Perry?

THE other day young Tyrone Perry was shot dead in the halls of Hine Jr. High School.

The police arrested and charged another youth in the case, who claims the gun went off accidentally.

Commissioner Washington sent officers to patrol the city's junior and senior high schools.

The newspapers gave us headlines about violence in the schools.

The principal of Hine, ignoring the grim historical basis for the fire department's safety regulations, ordered chains placed on the doors of the school.

Everyone was uptight, concerned.

Meanwhile the real killer escaped.

The real killer -- as in so many instances before

this one and in so many instances yet to come -- was a public still unwilling to disarm itself, to surrender its senseless personal arsenals, to stop the traffic in the tools of death.

Token gun registration laws are not the answer. Guns themselves must be prohibited except under the most stringent controls.

Until we disarm ourselves the Tyrone Perry's and the Robert Kennedy's and the Joe Yoblonski's will keep dying. Yes, some of them would be slain anyway. But there is no other personal weapon that is so easy and so sure to use as the gun.

Whether by accident or intent, the gun can 'just go off' like no other weapon can.

We are tired of the prattlings by the police chief, city councilmen, the commissioner, members of Congress and the White House about law and order while these same men steadfastly refuse to raise a finger for meaningful gun control.

Yes, gentlemen, mourn Tyrone Perry. You should, you know. He died for you. He died defending your 'right' to bear arms. Aren't you proud of him?

Who killed Tyrone Perry?

We did.

A primer

See the windows at Payne School.

I see the windows but I cannot see through the windows.

Why can you not see through the windows?

Because the windows are not made of glass. They are made of translucent shatter-proof plastic.

Mr. Granville Woodson, assistant school superintendent for buildings and grounds, though it would be fun.

He bought lots of it.

Isn't Mr. Woodson smart?

Now I can not look outside -- at the trees, sky, cars and people.

Now I must look inside -- at all the other things Mr. Woodson hasn't fixed right either.

I cannot see through the window.

Can you see through Mr. Woodson?

I can say we will none of us spend our time better than by making the Community Assembly work.

Martha Swaim
Member
Board of Education

Union Station

I FOUND your article entitled "Union Station project: railroading the community" (Dec. Gazette) to be very interesting. A few days ago I raised the problem with NCPC officials concerning the welfare of those residents living adjacent to the proposed Union Station development. Their answer was unsatisfactory. I agree with you that the citizens in the area should be given an opportunity to participate in the planning for the total development of that community. I further feel if there is to be economic development for the community that the citizens who live in the community should substantially benefit from it. I am tremendously concerned about the traffic flow planned for the Union Station Visitors' Center, Sports Arena and Convention Center. Just what the tremendous addition of automobiles and buses will do to the community has not been determined. The plans I have seen do not answer the question.

May I commend you for the editorial on this project.

I would be pleased to discuss with any representatives, groups and citizens their concern about the proposed development of Union Station.

Jerry Moore
City Councilman

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SALLY Crowell announces registration for a ladies dance class to be held 12 Tuesday mornings, Feb. 10 to May 26. Miss Crowell is on the Fine Arts faculty of Howard University and a member of the Washington Dance Theatre. Call 543-2081.

RATES: Short public service-type announcements published free of charge. Other classified: 5¢ a word, \$1 minimum. Mail to the Gazette, 109 8th St. NE, Washington DC 20002.



IT wasn't really the right sort of day last month as East Capitol St. was inaugurated as part of the bikeway system that cycle enthusiasts hope will extend across the city, but led by City Councilwoman Polly Shackleton (who pushed the bikeway plan through the District Building) a few hardy riders turned out for the official opening on a cold, windy afternoon.

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NEWS NOTES

AS we mentioned last month, the streets around the Fifth Precinct stationhouse are being constantly used as a parking lot for cars the police tow away from somewhere else. A number of these cars are in less than mint condition and the residents nearby have naturally complained. One of our readers reports that the police aren't too happy either. It seems that some people who have their car towed away simply come by the Fifth Precinct at night and drive their car off. The cops wish they had a locked lot to prevent this sort of thing. Our informant, however, sees some justice in this system that results in junked cars taking the parking spaces around his house. Said he: "At least I know that if my car is towed away, it'll be waiting for me at my front door."

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